An amount of Rs. 280 crore is involved and only Rs, 10 crores have been spent up to 31.3.1999. Sir, Rs. 10 crore have been given in the Budget and next time we want to see that this project is expedited.

SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Sir, over the last 17 years metre gauge coaches have not been repalced due to unigauge conversion project. These coaches have corrosions in the underframes and are said to be unsafe. Therefore, will the hon. Minister give priority in completing this as well as the other B.G. conversion projects in Tamil Nadu in order to avoid any unforeseen event due to corroded coaches which are being run there?

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: Sir, we want that the Chennai and the other projects are completed. Both the places are very important especially Sivakasi. We want to cmplete these projects. Of course, it also depends on the availability of the funds. But, we will give it priority.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Reduction in Strenghth of Coaches in Ajmer

†*286. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India had started a training centre/hostel in Ajmer, if so, what was the amount spent in this regard during the last four years, the discipline-wise number of sportsmen trained there in various sports disciplines; and

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Authority has reduced the strength of their Coaches in Ajmer, if so, the reasons therefor, alongwith the number of trainees residing in the said hostel?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. No amount was spent on the SAI Training Centre at Ajmer in the year 1997-98 and the year 1998-99, as a decision was taken on (15.1.97) to close down the Centre. Prior to this the expenditure on the Ajmer Training Centre was as follows:—

(i) 1995-96: Rs 6,32,207.75/-

(ii) 1996-97: Rs 4,96,117.32/-

Discipline-wise details of sportspersons trained at the SAI Center at Ajmer are given in Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) Reduction in Coaches took places in the year 1996-97 from 14 to 06. However, this trend was reversed in the year 1998-99 by increasing the number of Coaches to 8. The posting of coaches in District Coaching Centres depends upon the number of disciplines identified/required for that district and as recommended by the State's Sports Bodies/Councils in association with the Government. The details of posting of Coaches discipline wise, at Ajmer are given in Statement-II. (*See* below).

The posting of Coaches during the last four years at Ajmer was as follows:—

1995-96 : 14
1996-97 : 06
1997-98 : 07
1998-99 : 08

Details of the number of trainees residing at the SAI Training Centre from 1991 to 1997 are given in Statement I.

Statement-I
SAI TC Ajmer

Discipline	Boys	Girls	Total
1991-92			
Basketball	—	10	
Badminton	03	01	
Table Tennis	02	01	
Wrestling	08	—	25
1992-93			
Basketball	—	08	
Badminton	—	02	
Table Tennis	—	03	
Athletics	—	04	17
1993-94			
Basketball	—	09	
Badminton	—	03	
Table Tennis	—	03	15
1994-95			
Athletics	—	03	
Basketball	—	05	
Volleyball	—	01	09
1995-96			
Athletics	—	09	
Basketball	—	04	
Volleyball	—	03	16
1996-97			
Athletics	—	02	
Basketbal	—	04	
Volleybal	—	03	09

Statement II

Number of Coaches Disciplinwise Posted in Sai Scheme and district Coaching Centres at Ajmer

Year	Schemes	Dist. Coaching Centres	Total
1995-96	Basket Ball (1) Table Tennis(1)	Kho-Kho, Kabaddi (1) Athletics (2) Cycling (1) Volleyball (1) Cricket (2) Basketaball (1) Boxing (1) Gymnastics (1) Hockey (2)	14
1996-97	Basketball (1) Athletics (1) Volleyball (1)	Hockey (2) Cricket (1)	06
1997-98	Cricket (1) Hockey (1) Volleyball (1)	Wrestling (1) Badminton (1) Basketball (1)	07
1998-99	Table-Tennis (1) Atheletics (1) Seimming (1)	Gymnastics (1) Hockey (1) Cricket (1) Volleyball (1) Kho-Kho-kabaddi (1)	08

Drug Resistance in TB and Malaria

*287. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tuberculosis and Malaria are increasingly becoming drug resistant; and